GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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ASSISTANCE TO UNEMPLOYED YOUTH
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has granted/proposes to grant financial assistance to the unemployed youth to provide them self-employment opportunities in the rural areas of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the total funds allocated and released for the same during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOR RUAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing the Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) as a major Self Employment Programme in rural areas of the country including the State of West Bengal w.e.f. April, 1999. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families to enable them to cross the poverty line. It does not specifically target unemployed youths. However, eligible unemployed youths are covered under the scheme. A statement showing funds allocated and released during the last three years to the State of West Bengal under SGSY is given below:

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	Year	Central Allocation	Total Release
1.	2002-03	3900.11	1121.19
2.	2003-04	5388.01	2617.59
3.	2004-05	6744.42	4608.31